

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 2

The Year of Harvest – Weeping and Rejoicing

He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 126:6 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: Understanding the truths of harvest requires that we understand the reality of weeping and rejoicing as we carry the seed as a part of our lifestyle of sowing. The psalmist talks about those who are going out as a part of their lifestyle weeping as they bear the seed. Why weeping? There could be many reasons. In the Hebrew, the implication can be one of sorrow or of joy. There are those time when we carry the seed with tears of pain for those who we know need to receive the seed of the Gospel in their lives. We weep for the needs of those to whom we may sow seeds financially or for the needs of our family, or others families. There are tears of compassion as we serve those in need. The heart of Jesus touches our hearts with their need and we weep with compassion. But there is also the reality of the rejoicing that fills our hearts as we are witnesses to the glorious harvest. Nothing can compare to the rejoicing of being a part when a lost soul finds salvation and peace in the arms of the Savior. There is the rejoicing of hearing that our obedient sowing of seeds of service of finances were exactly the answer to a person's cry to the Lord for their need. The rejoicing when you realize you were used of the Lord as an answer to those prayers. The harvest has as a part of its very nature, the elements of weeping and rejoicing. As we are faithful, God will allow us the privilege of participating in both, because both are a part of His own heart for this world into which He sends us.

Day 1: Praise the Lord today that He has allowed you to participate with Him in both weeping and rejoicing in the process of harvesting.

Day 2: Meditate on the ways the Lord's heart weeps and rejoices over the needs and victories of this world.

Day 3: Ask the Lord touch your heart with the things that touch His heart as you go into the world.

Day 4: Pray that you will more and more develop a lifestyle of carrying the seeds with you as you go.

Day 5: Pray for your church to help its members develop this lifestyle and experience the weeping and rejoicing of harvesting

Day 6: Ask the Lord to help other churches in your city to sow with weeping and harvest with rejoicing.

Day 7: Pray for the missionaries from your church, that they will be able to rejoice at a great harvest on their mission field.